Pendency of grant of compensation to owners of nationalised coal mines

3277. SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of grant of compensation to the former owners of coal mines before nationalisation are still ponding;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to allow private sector to enter into coal mining;

(c) if so, whether the former mine owners whose claims have not yet been settled would be given preferential treatment in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any legislation is being contemplated to pre-empt any takeover of the mines by their former owners in case of privatisation of coal sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (e) A Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 to allow private sector participation in coal mining operations for captive consumption for power generation, and other end uses to be notified and to set up washeries has been introduced in the Parliament. In terms of this Bill, only virgin areas have been contemplated for private Sector participation.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Foreign collaboration with coal producing countries

3278. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased be state :

(a) what are the details of foreign collaborations signed between Government and other developed coal producing countries during the last three years;

(b) what is the quantum of investments made so far and commitments made during the current year and Eighth Five Year Plan period; collaboration-wise; and

(c) what is the status of execution of these collaborations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) The collaboration contracts with foreign organisations in respect of coal projects are signed by concerned Public Sector Undertakings Coal India Limited (CIL)/Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). The details of collaborations contracts signed by CIL/SCCL with foreign organisations during the last 3 years is given as under :

(amount in million donor currency (Data Provisional)

Project	contract amount	utilisation upto Feb. 93 (Provisional	Estimated expenditure 1992-93	Status
1	2	3	4	5
Country UK				
Donor Currency Pound Sterling				
Amlori OCP. . . . (Northern Coal-fields Limited)	8.500	6.700	6.800	To introduce efficient mining procedure Ongoing Project.